

REDEEMER

SUSTAINED SERENITY

A college professor once taught me a lesson that I have always valued. We were making arrangements for a program together. He paused suddenly, laid his hand upon mine and said gently, "Be calm, don't be so excited!" I had not realized that I was excited until he spoke. I have learned and love to meditate upon the Christian's need to aspire to calmness as to other Christlike qualities.

One of the noblest moments of calm exhibited by Jesus was in the Garden when Judas had come to betray Him. Said Jesus to the man who was disappointing Him so terribly, "Friend, do that for which thou art come." What a depth of poised and sustained serenity! The Psalmist knew that inner power, too--"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; In whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the valley of weeping they make it a place of springs; Yea the early rain covereth it with blessing. They go from strength to strength." Such exalted strength is the treasure of those who commune with God and surrender themselves to His will for their lives trusting, that their sacrifice will be wholly acceptable unto Him even though it be through the valley of the shadow of death, or through an experience of deep humiliation and suffering.

Isaiah it was who spoke thus: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee." And, through some of the experiences that have tested my whole strength and the very fibre of my Christian faith, these blessed words of the scripture have been a source of immeasurable strength and inspiration, and have challenged me to greater peace of mind and spirit.

"PEACE OF GOD"

When winds are raging o'er the
upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with
angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the
wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness
reigneth evermore.

Far, far beneath the noise of
tempest dieth,
And silver waves chime ever
peacefully;
And no rude storm, how fierce
soe'er he flieth,
Disturbs the Sabbath of that
deeper sea.

So to the soul that knows thy
love, O Purest,
There is a temple peaceful
evermore.
And all the babble of life's
angry voices
Dies hushed in stillness at its
sacred door.

Far, far away the noise of
passion dieth,
And loving thoughts rise ever
peacefully;

-- Alice Christine Grube --

And no rude storm, how fierce
soe'er he flieth,
Disturbs that deeper rest, O
Lord, in thee.

O rest of rest! O peace serene,
eternal!
Thou ever livest, and thou
changest never;
And in the secret of thy presence
dwelleth
Fullness of joy, forever and
forever.

--Harriet Beecher Stowe

welcome

We welcome to Poston on his
first visit, Ray Viritani of Camp
Grant, Illinois. May his stay be
a pleasant one with us.

This issue of THE REDEEMER is
affectionately dedicated to Mrs.
Taveko Umade who left us yester-
day to join her husband, Sgt. Ray
Umade in Maryland.

Her untiring efforts in Church
activities and her warm personal-
ity will be greatly missed. We
sincerely pray for the happiness
of Tykie and Ray that all things
may work together for good...

TESTIMONIES

Now I lay down to sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

A child's prayer. Yes, though it may be, is it not full of beauty and simplicity. Often times I wish that I were a child again, and I repeat those sweet words when everything else seems to fail. The Lord has been gracious, but what have I given?

I pray that my soul can be as a child's, sweet and innocent, quick to learn more as time goes by. Though the days may be lonely I am never really alone for I can put my trust in Jesus and receive an abundance of peace and joy that is incomparable to the joy of having everything one so often desires! So often I know I fail, but my desire is to let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, all His wonderful passion and purity.....

In our Father's Name,
Raiko Kageyama

Words alone cannot express how thankful I am to say, through this evacuation, and the true guidance of my dear Christian friends; I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Personal Saviour.

Since then I can't help but look back and see how my blessed Saviour has guided me wherever I went. Without Him I would now, I know, still be lost in this dark world.

Perhaps my life hasn't changed as much as it should but as I grow deeper into the knowledge of our Lord, I hope others may see, "Christ Liveth in Me."

Mary Hirata.

SR. SOCIAL

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society's social for the New Year was held in the Teachers' Lounge last Saturday night with a cozy group of members and friends out for a good time.

The team games were led by Totomi Mano. A special mental telepathy exhibition by Miss Grube and assistant, June Ozawa, added baffling mystery to the entertainment of the evening.

Delicious refreshments were served by Velma Kurihara and her committee, followed by special musical numbers by June Ozawa, Haruno Tajiri, and Louise Hayakawa. The hours of good fellowship was brought to a close with prayer by Miss Alice Grube, Advisor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Third Christian Church of Poston gratefully acknowledges the monthly pledges from Pfc. Min Fujita of Camp Shelby, Miss.

We appreciate the games, pictures, and entertainment material received from Mrs. C.J. Walvoord, Atwater, Ohio; Mrs. L. Hardy, Intermediate Class of Forked Deer Church, Gates Teen, Rhode Island; and J. W. Holmes, Josephine, Tex.

Y.P. MEETINGS

Dr. H.P. Dunlop, Bible teacher, who is on an evangelistic tour will speak to us tonight at a special Young People's Worship meeting in the Chapel, 1305 R.H. His subject will be "Salvation Made Plain". The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M.

He will also speak at the Midweek Service, Wednesday night commencing at 7:00 P.M., in Church Office on the topic "Victorious Living". Everyone is invited to hear these special messages.

appreciation notes

Letters have been received by the Church Office from Caucasian Churches acknowledging the many "Thank you" messages written by recipients of Christmas Gifts which were distributed by the Church. Those heard from are as follows:

First Methodist Church,
Burlington, Iowa
First Congregational Church,
Springfield, Vermont
Evangelical Congregational Church
McKeesport, Pennsylvania
Lagonda Congregation Church
Springfield, Ohio
Westwood Community Methodist
Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Many have requested names of boys and girls in order that correspondence may be started among the Niseis and Caucasians. Those interested in making new friends are asked to please see Miss Raiko Konatsu at the Church Library for further details.

Departures

A great many of our Church members have departed during the last week for relocation: Edythe Yamaguchi, Molly Abe, and George Suzuki, Mr. & Mrs. Yutaka Kida to Chicago, Ill. Mr. & Mrs. Yoiki Tashiro, George Okamura to St. Louis, Mo. Joe Kobayashi, Stanley Nagata, and Lydia Nagata to Caldwell, Idaho; Hiroshi Taketa to Minneapolis, Minn. George Hayakawa to Rock Springs, Wyo.; Giichi Kageyama to Denver, Colo.; Ed Takahashi to Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Tayoko Umade to Maryland.

MAY THE LORD BLESS THEM!